GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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VALUE ADDED MEAT PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the processing of value-added meat and meat products and poultry products is very low in the country;

(b) if so, the percentage thereof with the total meat production;

(c) the reasons for such a low processing capacity for high value-added meat products; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken during the current Five Year Plan period to increase the processing of high value- added meat products?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (d): The level of processing for value added meat and meat products is less than 1%. Total meat production is estimated to be 4.69 million tons. Low processing for value added meat and meat products is due to its low affordability and consumer preference for fresh meat.

For promotion of food processing industries including meat industry, this Ministry provides financial assistance for establishment/modernization of food processing units, creation of infrastructure, support for Research & Development and Human Resource Development.